

RNA**FOR A BETTER LIFE IN THE HEIGHTS****June, 1994**

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WE NEED MORE LIGHTING ON PALISADE AVENUE

On Thursday, May 26th, RNA met with PSEG representative, James Hazell and Councilman Bill Gaughan to discuss the installation of more lighting on Palisade Avenue. We walked the length of Palisade Avenue from Bowers Street to Ferry Street inspecting and locating problem areas. Mr. Hazell distinguished between adequate street lighting for automobile driving and the additional lighting needed to provide safety and security on the sidewalks for residents and pedestrians.

In August of 1993, Councilman Gaughan's aide Tom Dolan made a survey of the lighting on Palisade Avenue

from Jefferson Street to Paterson Plank Road. There are 52 light poles in this section of Palisade Avenue. However, there are only 11 poles on the east side of the Avenue. The survey also stated that the existing lights were very dim.

The conclusion that both the Councilman and RNA reached was that there was insufficient lighting on the sidewalks of Palisade Avenue. The tour with Mr. Hazell was to identify and propose

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SUMMER MUSIC CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Division of Cultural Affairs and City Spirit are proud to announce "The Gazebo Series" of free music concerts throughout the City during the summer months of June, July and August. In our neighborhood, there will be three concerts in Riverview-Fisk Park scheduled on a Wednesday evening each month.

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SUMMER CLEAN-UP on Palisade Avenue



This year, RNA will hold its annual Summertime Clean-up of Palisade Avenue and River-Fisk Park on Saturday, June 18th. The cleanup will begin at 9:00 am at the Park Pavilion on Ogden Avenue. The Jersey City Incinerator Authority will donate the tools, gloves and garbage bags. (The collected garbage

will be left at designated locations along the route to be picked up by the City.) Refreshments and lunch will be served to all participants. This year's chairperson will be Russell Pratt.

We are looking for volunteers of all ages: from children to seniors to help clean up our neighborhood. Even if you can only clean in front of your own house, it will be greatly appreciated. We are also looking for people to supervise the children in their cleaning efforts.

Because of last year's success, RNA will again design Tee-shirts for this event. They will be given to all the children who volunteer for this events.

COMING EVENTS

**June 14th**

RNA MEETING AT 7:15 PM

AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

Quest Speakers:

- 1) Mayor Bret Schundler
- 2) Tom Hart,

Director of Department of
Recreation and Cultural Affairs

JUNE 18: PALISADE AVENUE CLEAN-UP DAY**JUNE 18: DRUG AWARENESS DAY/MUSIC
CONCERT IN PARK**

FREE MUSIC CONCERTS IN RIVERVIEW- FISK PARK

JUNE 22: SOUND OF THE CITY (GOLDEN
OLDIES)

JULY 27: TIN CAFARO QUINTET (LATIN JAZZ)

AUGUST 17: DAVE MATOS (FOLK ROCK)

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 10, 1994

Vito Brunetti, the new chairperson, began the meeting by introducing the new RNA officers for 1994 and thanking the former officers for their efforts and good work. Speakers for the evening were John Curtis, Community Police Officer for our area, Michael Regan, Construction Official for the Jersey City Building Department, and Julio Romero, organizer of the upcoming Drug Awareness Day.

North District Community Police Officer John Curtis, a regular at our meetings, made his monthly report and discussed several quality of life issues with members of the group. (A more detailed account of his report is under Police Beat.)

Our main speaker, Jersey City Construction Official Michael Regan, who directs the Jersey City Building Department, spoke about the role of the Building Department, and the ways in which citizens may make and follow up on complaints. Mr. Regan began by stating that his department is mandated to enforce the Uniform Construction Code of the State of New Jersey and provide an adequate degree of life and safety to all citizens. The Construction Code is established nationally, and adopted by individual states. Mr. Regan pointed out that the Construction Code and the Building Department are concerned with "quality of life" issues, upholding standards to maintain health and safety.

He outlined the functions and daily operations of the Building Department to issue permits, review architectural plans, inspect buildings, hold condemnation hearings, deal with demolitions, honor complaints, initiate violations, levy fines, and impose penalties. Violations are heard in the Municipal Housing Court. There is also a Construction Board of Appeals, a five member panel, which hears challenges to Building Department decisions.

In response to a question about how to pursue a "building problem", Mr. Regan stated that a number of "resident inspectors" are assigned to each ward of the City. If a person has a problem, they should begin by calling the Building Department [A list of these contact phone numbers is printed at the end of this article]. If the Building Department is not the proper agency for the problem, the caller will be referred to the appropriate agency. For Building Department issues, an inspector from the area will be assigned to look into the complaint, and actions will be taken as the inspector deems appropriate. The inspector might initiate a violation, and may impose a penalty; if compliance is not met, municipal court

action follows. Typically, the inspector will not contact the originator of the complaint; to follow up, a person must call the inspector, all of whom are available at the Building Department offices from 9 AM to 9:45 AM, and again from 3:15 PM to 4 PM each day. A log book is kept of each inspector's actions, so that information on a particular case is available even if the inspector is not.

Several specific properties were discussed:

a) 234-236 Ogden Avenue, owned by Norman Wilson. These buildings have been vacant and in disrepair for at least 8 years. Because violations were not remedied, and all other options had been exhausted, condemnation hearings were held in December, 1993; Mr. Wilson was given until March, 1994 to remedy the problems, which include infestation by raccoons (which the Building Department is working on in cooperation with the Health Department), and a collapsing roof. At that time Mr. Wilson claimed to be without clear title to the property, which prevented him from taking action. Mr. Regan has recently received notification that clear title has been obtained, and that an architect has been hired to produce plans to refurbish and restore the properties back to their original use. Mr. Regan has prioritized the issues, with roof repair and rodent control first, and has informed Mr.

Wilson of this. Mr. Regan is waiting for Mr. Wilson's commitment letter, as to when he will proceed. In the mean time, the Health Department has set traps for the raccoons.

b) 32 Griffith Street, owned by Otto and Bella Kogen. A complaint was filed by RNA members about excavation and grade changes. The inspector found and issued a violation concerning the raising of the finished grade, exceeding the terms of the permit, and ordered the grade to be restored to its original topography, by April 22, 1994. The Kogens have applied to the Construction Board of Appeals, protesting the violation. The hearing is scheduled for May 18. [Note: as a result of this hearing, the Kogens were ordered to regrade the lot, to the satisfaction of the inspector, and were given two weeks to comply.] Mr. Regan pointed out that Board of Appeals proceedings are open to the public, and that any interested party may give testimony. The Board reviews factual material: photographs, documents, and the testimony of the inspector, of the property owner, and of other interested parties.

c) 33 Griffith Street, Gold Collision Auto Body, a business owned by Frank Cabrera. Complaints have been lodged about the manner in which the body shop conducts business and the effect on its neighbors. In particular, the use of the street for repairs, double parking, and parking on the sidewalks. Mr. Regan suggested calling the Hudson County Health Commission about paint fumes, and the Police about parking enforcement.

Mr. Regan pointed out that the "Construction Code and the Building Department are concerned with quality of life issues, upholding standards to maintain health and safety."

Also mentioned were 381 Ogden Avenue and 385 Ogden Avenue. Mr. Regan said the problems at 385 Ogden are being addressed; condemnation hearings are scheduled for May 19, 1994. The owners of 381 Ogden, which is vacant, have applied for permits and are obtaining funding for the needed repairs.

In response to a query, Mr. Regan pointed out that the state removes property or demolishes only as a last resort, citing the importance of private property and its sovereignty in our society. He also mentioned the need to preserve "ratables" - a property with a building on it yields more tax dollars than an empty lot.

Mr. Regan was questioned about the slow rate at which progress is made once a building complaint has been registered. Regan suggested the best way to keep things happening is to stay on top of a case - through the RNA and as individuals - with letters and phone calls. He admitted that constant pressure and visibility helps push the complaint along.

Mrs. Tuzzo expressed thanks to Tony Lambiasi of the Zoning Department, whose intervention resulted in the removal of the beer advertising signs that had been hanging on the fence near the corner store on Palisade Avenue and Cuneo Place, an eyesore that Mrs. Tuzzo pointed out at April's meeting.

Julio Romero, an addictions counselor and neighbor, spoke about the upcoming "Drug Awareness Day", to be held in Riverview Park on Saturday, June 18th, from 12 noon to 4 P.M. Mr. Romero spoke of the need for community action and public involvement. He asked for volunteers to help his group with this event: which will include a HealthFair and free concert. Mr. Romero's phone number is 963-5901; beeper 730-5224. He invited all to attend. He has asked RNA to support this effort by a visible presence at the event; he suggested we post our banner, make available any flyers or literature, and that members attend. This event is on the same day as RNA's Cleanup Day, which is scheduled for that morning. The Cleanup Day committee will work with Mr. Romero to coordinate the two events. RNA also offered table space at the Flea Market for literature relevant to the Drug Awareness Day. (For more information about this event, see the article on Drug Awareness Day.)

Russell Pratt reported on the status of the plans for Cleanup Day. Similar to last year, RNA had intended to give a T-shirt to each participant in this event. Designs for T-shirts were to be shown and voted on; however, only one design, Russell's, was submitted. An estimate of \$590. was obtained for printing 6 dozen shirts, based on last year's turnout. Because RNA approved the printing of two dozen T-shirts (of last year's design) for sale at the Flea Market (cost: \$250), the members voted down the T-shirt proposal, but instead approved the use of the design to print posters to give to the participants, and obtain Clean Communities T-shirts provided free of charge from the Incinerator Authority. [NOTE: After the meeting, Tom Killeen of the Incinerator Authority offered to print

72 T-shirts, using Russell's design, free of charge as part of the Clean Communities project. In light of this, the RNA Executive Committee, in concert with the Cleanup Day committee, decided to print a smaller number of posters, to be used for publicizing the event, and to take up the city's offer for the T-shirts.] For future RNA give-aways, it was suggested that alternatives to T-shirts be explored, such as decals.

There was a discussion about the upcoming Flea Market to be held on June 4th. Requests were also made for volunteers for the Cleanup Day, the Park committee, the Flea Market. To volunteer for the Cleanup Day, contact Russell Pratt at 222-2887.

RNA approved a motion to support the Italian Club, on Palisade Avenue, in its petition to have the City build a Bocci Ball court in Riverview-Fisk Park. It was proposed to be located at the site of the previous one, between the pavilion and the basketball court. It was suggested that a four foot fence with a locked gate be erected to prevent vandals and dogs are abusing it. The key would be kept by the Italian Club. Jack Rea won the 50/50.

Kathy Packard

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DIVISION OF THE CONSTRUCTION
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**GENERAL INQUIRIES
/COMPLAINTS 547-5055**

BUILDING 547-5020

**CERTIFICATE OF
OCCUPANCY 547-4985**

**CONSTRUCTION BOARD
OF APPEALS 547-5055**

**CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE
547-4997**

ELECTRICAL 547-5697

ELEVATOR 547-4986

FIRE 547-5475

**PERMIT
COUNTER 547-5060**

PLUMBING 547-5048

Community UpDate



Riverview-Fisk Park

The Park Committee has been very busy in Riverview-Fisk Park during the month of May. Committee members Dorothy, Yogi, Gregg, Kathy, Suzanne and Ernie have been very hard at work building fences and preparing the gardens. They have also been very successful in recruiting young children, teenagers and several adults as volunteers to help weed and plant flowers.

The center gardens have been planted with marigolds and impatiens to replace the daffodils. Work is also underway to erect a wire fence behind the shrubbery to prevent people from picking the flowers in these four gardens.

A second garden on Ogden Avenue, off of Griffith Street, has been fenced, weeded, mulched and planted with over 100 marigolds. A truly lovely sight to behold! Work has also begun on weeding and mulching a third garden on Palisade Avenue, off of Griffith Street.

The committee has also begun preparing the berne area next to the lot at 285 Palisade Avenue. The area has been weeded. Negotiations have begun with the Parks Division to relandscape the berne and the Incinerator Authority to donate new shrubbery for planting.

Volunteers are needed to help with this important work to reclaim our Park. If interested please call 792-6390, or come to the June 14th meeting of RNA.



Drug Awareness Day

Once again it's time for Drug Awareness Day to take place in Riverview-Fisk Park. This year it will take place on Saturday, June 18th, from 12 noon to 4 pm. (The rain date is June 25th.) The goals of this event are twofold: 1) to increase the public's awareness and 2) to educate young adults and children about the drug and crime problems in our society, and the need for prevention through early intervention. This annual event is organized by Julio Romero, an addictions counselor and local resident with several of his neighbors.

A free concert will be held, and several agencies and community service organizations will participate in a HealthFair, distributing information on health and counselling services.

This activity can not take place without the support and commitment of the City and local community. All are invited to attend and, if possible, to volunteer. If interested, please contact Julio Romero at 858-1958 to confirm your participation.

POLICE BEAT:

Police Officer John Curtis made his monthly report at the May 10th meeting of RNA. He described the police operations at the Palisade Avenue A&P store to address the recent chain of break-ins. A two-night stakeout by Officers Curtis and Andrew Lancellotti yielded an arrest, but it is not believed to be the same individual who committed the prior break-ins. The prior incidents involved entry through the store front, using bricks to break the glass; this incident involved attempted entry through the back of the store. He also said the A&P has indicated that they will not close the Palisade Avenue store. [Note: During the week of May 23rd, A & P installed metal gates on their front windows to prevent any further break-ins.]

During the previous month, Curtis and Lancellotti made another arrest, for cocaine possession, on Hutton Street, off of Palisade Avenue.

Security Surveys are available from the Police Department. On request, and at the mutual convenience of the Police and any local resident, an officer will visit their homes and make recommendations for security improvements.

At the North District precinct, improvements are underway, and by summer's end, the Community Service Officers should have offices, phones, and voice mail, which should make it easier to contact the individual officers.

In response to a query, Officer Curtis indicated that seems to be little cooperation between the Jersey City Police and the Hoboken Police concerning the apprehension of suspects living in the Hoboken projects.

Officer Curtis then responded to the complaints brought up by several members:

a) a car theft and a house break-in on Ogden: Officer Curtis told us that there are now two plainclothes teams (4 men) assigned to the area for daytime patrols to address the recent rash of burglaries;

b) pit bulls running loose in the Park: Officers are issuing summons for no-license and for not-on-leash violations, throughout the area; and

c) gunshots heard near Congress Street and Paterson Plank Road.

Our community service officers can only be effective if everyone cooperates and gives them the information necessary to combat crime. If anyone has any information about a crime or is concerned about any suspicious activity, please call **547-5350** for **Officer John Curtis** or **Officer Andrew Lancellotti**.

CRIME WATCH  **547-5477**

ATTENTION: ALL DOG OWNERS

All people who own a dog should be responsible pet owners. There are certain laws in Jersey City that should be observed pertaining to the care and maintenance of these pets.

Sec. 6-14: All dogs should be on a leash in public places.

Sec. 6-18: Each owner of a dog shall immediately remove and dispose of any feces deposited by such dog in public or private places by any sanitary method. (A public place shall include every sidewalk, gutter, street, park, or any other place within the City which is accessible to the general public or dogs.)

Sec. 6-19: The City dog wardens shall take into custody and impound:

- a) any dog off the premises of the owner which is believed to be a stray dog,
- b) any dog off the premises of the owner without a current registration tag on its collar, and
- c) any female dog in season off the premises of the owner.

Sec. 6-19.1: There is a penalty of not less than \$50.00 but not more than \$500.00 for anyone who violates these regulations.

Once a year, all dogs (altered or unaltered) should be registered with the Jersey City Office of Animal Control and receive a license tag. All licensed dogs are eligible to participate in the Office's Free Rabies Immunization program with participating local veterinarians in Jersey City, Bayonne and Union City.

For additional information and literature on rabies, lyme disease and canine bladder stones, call the **Office of Animal Control at 547-4888**.

Community UpDate

Palisade Avenue (cont. from page 1)

additional lighting for the Avenue. The following dimly lit sidewalks were identified:

- a) the two intersections of Griffith Street and the Avenue,
- b) both sides of the Avenue between Hutton and Franklin Streets,
- c) the intersection of Franklin Street and the Avenue, and
- d) both sides of the Avenue between Franklin and Ferry Streets.

Mr. Hazell stated that PSEG is reluctant to install additional light poles on the east side of the Avenue to alleviate the problem. However, he stated that he would propose to Patrick Nelan, Director of the Division of Traffic and Transportation, the following recommendations:

- 1) installation of High Pressure Sodium (HPS) floodlights on existing poles positioned to light the sidewalks, and
- 2) the upgrading of existing HPS street lights from 250 watts to 400 watts to brighten the overall area.

In addition, Councilman Gaughan also suggested that there was a need for additional sidewalk lighting for the sidewalks on Palisade Avenue between Bowers and South Street.

Mr. Hazell proposed that he organize another nighttime tour of this area with a representative from the City's Division of Traffic in addition to Councilman Gaughan and RNA to confirm these recommendations. He also stated that it was important to canvas the residents of Palisade Avenue to inform them of the additional brightness of this proposed lighting.

[Note: RNA has contacted Captain Kane of the North District who stated that he would support any additional lighting that would improve the safety and security of the area and facilitate his police on patrols.]



Summer Music (cont. from page 1)

The concerts will take place in the Park pavilion located on Ogden Avenue. The following groups are scheduled to perform:

Wednesday, June 22nd: **"Sound of the City"**
(golden oldies music)

Wednesday, July 27th: **Tin Cafaro Quintet**
(latin jazz)

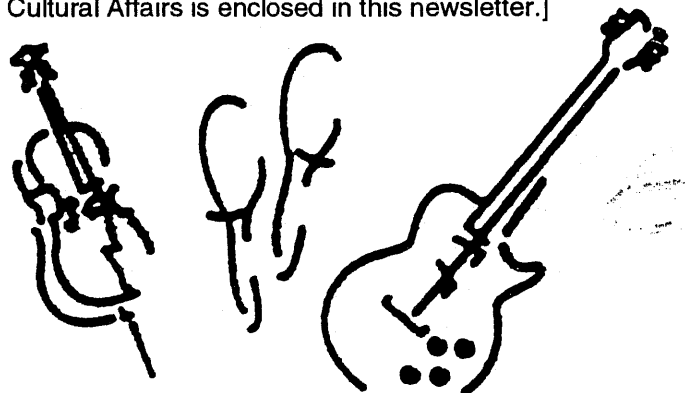
Wednesday, August 17th: **Dave Matos**
(popular folk rock).

All residents - young and old are invited to come and enjoy this music in our Park. The concerts will start at 7:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Ogden Avenue between Griffith and Bowers Streets will be closed for these events. Bring a chair or blanket, sit on a bench or the grass. Dancing is encouraged! Listen to music under the stars!

Please do not bring your pets. Alcoholic drinking is prohibited.

These concerts were organized by Joey George, the director of City Spirit, who is also a local resident of Ogden Avenue. The concerts are sponsored by Christ Hospital. For more information, call City Spirit at 547-5018.

[Note: A separate brochure listing all the free spring and summer events organized by the Jersey City Division of Cultural Affairs is enclosed in this newsletter.]



COMMUNITY VOICE

STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

As the new vice-chair, these are a few of the goals I, Gregg Brickey, would like to help RNA work towards during 1994-5.

1. Outreach to Palisade Avenue. There are many potential RNA members bunkered in their apartments and houses on Palisade Avenue. Many are unaware that RNA exists. Others have misperceptions about our membership and agenda. Hispanics, blacks, and Asians are very underrepresented at RNA, even though they constitute a large percentage of the population here. We need to make a persistent long term effort to expand our membership to include everyone. Without expanding the membership, RNA will lack the credibility and power to make lasting changes in the neighborhood. This will not happen easily or quickly. I think the two best ways for bringing in people from Palisade Avenue is by providing them with the newsletter and by improving Riverview Fisk Park. People are very interested and impressed by the work RNA has done in the park this spring. We have built fences, planted flowers, and performed basic maintenance. We are involved in the planning of future landscaping and are bringing free concerts to the park.

A Bocci Ball court will be constructed this summer and a community vegetable garden is planned for next spring. We are also considering several new ideas intended to bring money into the park. People tell me that everything we do in the park is noticed and that it makes them hopeful about the neighborhood. They seem especially pleased by our volunteer efforts. Most people here really want to see the park clean and beautiful. They just don't believe that it is possible. When RNA is working in the park you can see more parents with children and less drinking and drug sales. What we do in the park this year may accomplish as much as Officers Lancellotti and Curtis in terms of civilizing the neighborhood. By expanding distribution of the newsletter through local businesses we can inform people of our presence and our goals. Palisade Lumber, SDS Bicycle Shop, and Palisade Dry Cleaners have agreed. On Central Avenue, Garden State News, Palmer Video, and Be Vi are cooperating. More locations will be needed on Palisade Avenue, so that the newsletter will be available to everyone. Flyers will be distributed door to door monthly to announce our meeting, our agenda, and where the newsletter can be found.

2. Convert RNA into a non-profit organization. This will make us eligible for state and local funding. Businesses will be more encouraged to donate because of the tax write-off.

3. Explore the concept of a "Friends of Riverview Park"

type organization, separate from RNA. There are probably more people willing to help the park than are willing to help RNA. This would allow people to donate time or money directly, without getting involved with RNA.

4. Discover the status of empty, unmaintained lots, and if possible appropriate them for public use.

5. Bring in more streetlights, trash cans, and trees for Palisade Avenue.

6. Find legal locations for graffiti, so that the whole neighborhood isn't vandalized.

7. Extend the Jersey City Artists Studio Your to include the Heights.

8. Enforcement of parking regulations on Palisade Avenue.

9. Support for local business, in particular linking them with the Central Avenue Merchants Association so as to possibly lower their sales tax.

10. Begin making a map of the RNA boundaries including a list of property owners. Begin dialog with landlords about neighborhood or tenant complaints. RNA should make use of city agencies to enforce compliance with community standards.

11. I'd like for RNA to stay focused on quality of life issues, not on policing the neighborhood. I think we should work to make the good things better and leave crime fighting to the police.

12. Have relevant guest speakers at every meeting, if possible.

Gregg Brickey

Only Dummies Don't Wear Seat Belts

"Only dummies don't wear seat belts." That's how the public advertisements phrase it. Which in reality is pretty close to the truth.

I drive a lot, and yes, I have worn a seatbelt since I first started driving. But sometimes while waiting for the light to change I started noticing how many people use seatbelts and how many do not. These observations have been done in cities and towns - small and large - all over the state. This is not scientific, but you'll get the picture.

Those who wear seatbelts drive anything from expensive foreign luxury cars to minivans and small cars. The newer the car, the more prevalent the seatbelt is in use. In contrast, those most likely not to wear them, drive sports cars, pickups, vans, trucks, old cars and two door domestic luxury car drivers.

I sometimes get the impression that these people
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feel they are "too cool" in their "cool" cars to wear seatbelts. In comparison, those with an education, a family and greater income do wear them. Parents, driving minivans and small cars, keep their small kids in childseats and seatbelts, while people in older cars (all types) don't. I see a small correlation to income and education. Which to me translates to "only dummies don't wear seatbelts."

Think about this hypothetical: you're driving along at 35 mph and an approaching car is cutting you off. You hit each other. You're not wearing your seatbelt. BANG.

Now lets see: four broken ribs, a broken nose, lacerations to the face (mostly because you shattered the windshield into a million pieces), a couple of broken fingers and, possibly internal bleeding. Good luck on your recovery, if you survived. As for any passenger in the front seat, lets just say that they would be in worse shape, if even alive (thats why they call it "the death seat"). But here's the clincher, the passenger had a two year old on his or her lap, which was crushed to death by his or her body at the time of impact.

Remember, leave your ego at home and save your neck (no pun intended).
Ernest Qunitero

Under the Chair

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

We are approaching the beginning of another summer in Jersey City. RNA wishes to all its neighbors, members and friends that they have a safe and happy summertime - whether it is in town or down the shore.

Some of us will spent part or all of the summer in our own neighborhood. To help make it a pleasant time for everybody, we should remember to be considerate of our neighbors and friends. For instance, music should not be blared loudly at any time - day or night, especially during an outdoor party, on a car radio when driving down the local streets or early Saturday or Sunday mornings when people like to sleep late. Construction projects should not be worked on during the weekends. Cars should not be parked in another person's driveway. Children should play in front of their own or a friend's house or in the Park.

With the coming of hot weather, it is important to dispose of garbage in a safe and healthy manner: it should be put out the night before pickup and not left uncovered

on the street. Please do not dump garbage or construction debris on our local streets - it is easier to call the Incinerator Authority (432-4645) to arrange for a special pick-up.

Our Park will be enjoyed by many people - young and old. So, let's be considerate of everyone. Don't leave your garbage or papers on the grass - put them in the wastebaskets throughout the Park. Drinking is illegal in the Park - so don't leave beer cans or break bottles in the Park. Don't play loud music! And please, don't vandalize either the benches, the pavilion or the new flower gardens that have been planted by our members.

Crime is always a concern. This summer however, we will have help from our able-bodied Police Officers Andrew Lancellotti and John Curtis. Please contact them at the North District (547-5350) for any problems that arise.

Jersey City can be a great place to spent the summer - whether in your own backyard or garden or in Riverview-Fisk Park. The main thing to remember is to be considerate of others and hopefully, they will be considerate of you.
Vito Brunetti

STOP DUMPING ON HOLLAND STREET

My family has lived in this neighborhood for over forty years and we have seen many people come and go. With the way the world is these days, we don't get to see our neighbors very often, sometimes not until the good weather arrives. Therefore, it was very good to see some of the people from the other end of the neighborhood show up at our meeting of May 11th. Let's try and get some more new faces to future RNA meetings.

Now for the main purpose of this article. During all the years my family has been living here, we have seen Holland Street in use, blocked off and in use again. It was supposedly closed off because of all the debris being dumped on it. Well, now that it is open once again, it is certainly being used and not just for cars. It is also being used again to dump: from dead animals to piles of garbage. During a lull

between the many snow storms we had this past winter, I, myself, discovered a dead dog thrown at the foot of the stairs which led at one time from Ogden Avenue down to Holland Street. Recently, as I walked my pet over the bridge, I saw a pile of black plastic bags and cardboard boxes overflowing with garbage thrown in the same area.

What is wrong with the people who do these things? We have garbage collection two times a week and you would think it is easier to put this garbage on the curb than it is to cart it and dump it down on Holland Street. Let's try to keep our eyes open for the offenders so that this street does not get closed again.

Carol Rebelowski

[NOTE: If anyone discovers garbage dumped on Holland Street, please call the Jersey City Incinerator Authority at 432-4645, ext. 40 and ask for the Dispatcher to have it removed. If anyone sees a car or someone actually dumping on the Street, get a description or license plate and call the police immediately.]

LETTERS to the EDITORS



Dear Neighbors

Have you noticed that Riverview Fisk Park is hanging for the better? New flowers and trees are being planted, fences have been installed, weeds are getting pulled and litter picked up. A new Bocce Ball court will be built this summer and a community vegetable garden is planned for next spring. Much of the good happening in the park is due to the efforts of RNA volunteers.

Unfortunately, we have very little funding to continue this work. RNA is seeking donations and volunteers to help improve and maintain Riverview Fisk Park. We especially need flowers and shrubs of any variety. RNA members will be available to transplant any donated bush from your yard to the park. All donated plants will become the permanent property of Riverview Fisk Park. If you cannot contribute plants or time then please mail a check to Riverview Neighborhood Association, 232 Ogden Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07307. Anyone with questions or suggestions may call Greg Brickey at 792-6390. Riverview Fisk Park belongs to all of us, so please be generous.

(The following letter was written by Charles Allen, the coordinator of the Food Drive, who is located in the Hudson City Post Office.)

On behalf of the Jersey City Post Office, I would like your organization for participating in our food drive. There are many less fortunate than ourselves. It was our way of giving back something to the community in which we serve.

Mr. Robert Janiszewski, Hudson County Executive and Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler deserve a special thanks for their support and proclamations issued. We would also like to thank Dohrman Printing Company of Jersey City and Schultz Home Center of Bayonne, along with our schools and churches for their participation.

The Postmaster, Branch 42 Union President, local letter carriers, the clerk president, all employees of the Jersey City Post Office, the Plant manager, Union officials, and all employees of the Bulk Mail Center deserve credit for their cooperation and participation which will help re-stock our food pantries during the coming months.

Finally, it could not have happened without the generosity of our Jersey City residents.

TRIED AND TRUE PROVERBS

- 1) A penny saved is a penny earned.
- 2) Home is where the heart is.
- 3) An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
- 4) A stitch in time saves nine.
- 5) One hand washes the other and the two wash the face.
- 6) Different strokes for different folks.
- 7) An idle man is the devil's playfellow.
- 8) Do unto others as you wish others to do unto you.
- 9) One picture is worth a thousand words.
- 10) Birds of a feather flock together.
- 11) Charity begins at home.
- 12) Out of sight, out of mind.
- 13) An apple doesn't fall far from the tree.
- 14) Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
- 15) He who hesitates is lost.
- 16) Before you meet a handsome prince, you have to kiss a lot of toads.
- 17) A person's home is their castle.
- 18) Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.
- 19) Easy come, easy go.
- 20) Business before pleasure.
- 21) A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.
- 22) If the shoe fits, wear it.

Jack F. Rea

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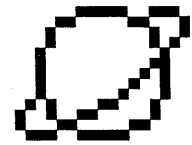
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From out of the NEIGHBORHOOD



HCNBA Meeting

The Heights Coalition meeting took place on Monday, May 16th. However a special Forum organized by the Coalition, including the participation of Heights councilpeople, police officials and merchants, was postponed. This special event was to be videotaped and aired by the Jersey City Cable Company.

The Forum was postponed because of the interference of David Joy, representative of the Leonard Gordon Park Neighborhood Association. At the April meeting, Mr. Joy contended that Susan Kornutick, representative of the New 28 School Block Association, should step down as the current Chairperson of the Coalition because of a political conflict of interest. (Ms. Kornutick is an aide to Rudy Garcia, the state assemblyman for our district.) Although the other Coalition member associations disagreed with Mr Joy's view, he refused to comply with the majority's decision and tried to cancel the scheduled cable forum.

Since David Joy's behavior had threatened the integrity of the Coalition, the rest of the member associations voted to send a letter of censure to Leonard Gordon Park N.A., reprimanding them for the behavior of Mr. Joy. Ironically, Mr. Joy was conspicuously absent from the May 16th meeting. The Coalition also approved an amendment to its Constitution to prevent any future confusion about an officer's potential conflict of interest.

In addition, the Coalition had a busy agenda and voted on the following items:

- a) the voting in of a new member association: Terrace Park Block Ass'n;
- b) to support the preliminary recommendations of an independent study commissioned by the City to hire more firemen and to oppose any manpower cutbacks in the Jersey City Fire Department;
- c) to oppose Christ Hospital's proposal for a five story/level parking garage and to support the Sgt. Anthony Block Ass'n's efforts to defeat it at the upcoming Planning Board.

There was a discussion about the need to begin a study of alternate uses for Reservoir #3, since the proposal to build a new high school has been dropped by our two Heights Councilmen. (I will keep you posted on the progress of this discussion.) There was also an update on the Coalition's efforts to educate the community about safe biking and the use of helmets.

Police Director Micheal Morarity was an unexpected guest. He listened as each member association listed their separate problems and any Heights concerns in general. He pledged to continue the community-based police program, which he described as a partnership with the citizens.

He also stated that there would be less police on the streets this summer compared to last year because of the anticipated early buyouts.

Maria Tuzzo

Sgt. Anthony Park Association

Sgt. Anthony Park Associations meets the third Tuesday of the month. Next meeting June 21st. You are all welcomed to attend, as you have made us welcome at your meetings. We meet at Dickerson High School, room 231 at 7 p.m.

Jersey City Museum

"Art A La Carte"

Art A La Carte is a year-long series of monthly visits to Hudson County artists studios. Cost of each Art a La Carte evening is \$8, with a discount offered for multiples of four evenings (\$25 for museum members, \$28 for non-members).

Additional upcoming evenings are scheduled for June 3, July 1, August 5, Sept. 2, October 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2

For further information or to sign up for a tour-demonstration call the Museum at (201) 547-4515.

Friday, August 5: 7-8:45 p.m. "Art a La Carte". Participants gather at 7 p.m. at the studio of a local artist for a talk or demonstration, enjoy wine and cheese, and may continue the conviviality at an optional Dutch Treat dinner afterwards. Artist for the evening is Loretta Kielar, an oil and fresco specialist whose portraits are reminiscent of the kind found in drawing rooms of Fifth Avenue mansions and whose frescos are lively enough to transport the viewer to a villa in Tuscany.

Other Events:

Wednesday June 8: 5:30-7:30p.m. **Exhibition Opening Reception:** View June 8 through August 20. Includes "Passages in Sculpture: Six Sculptors" and "Felice Nudelman: Recent Photographs." The sculpture show features the work of contemporary New York and New Jersey artists. Felice Nudelman is a New Jersey based photographer who explores the metaphysical in her treatments of texture and light. The opening reception is free to the public.

Note: The exhibition "Recent Acquisitions: 1990-1993," which opened March 9, closes on May 28, 1994.

Pre-registration is necessary. Call the Museum at 547-4514
Museum Hours (Admission is free.) Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday and legal holidays.

Note: The Jersey City Museum will be closed on Saturdays from June 18 through September 3, 1994. Regular hours will be observed through June 11 and throughout the summer except Saturdays.

The Friends of the Jersey City Museum

are seeking volunteers for Friends committees: Special Events, Museum Shop, Membership.

The Museum Shop needs a computerized cash register and racks that will accommodate magazines or thin books. Donations of these items would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Museum at 547-4379.

Bulletin board

Dickinson H.S. Reunion

A reunion of the Dickinson High School classes of January and June for 1948 and 1949 is being planned for July 16, 1994 at the Sheraton in Iselin, New Jersey. Anyone interested in attending is asked to call 1-800-222-5277, Monday through Thursday from 5 pm to 9 pm.

Gert Bogdan

JUNE

June is busting out all over, so are the children
Schools closing, graduations.
Pools are opening,
Everyone is off to summer vacations
But not till you enjoy the RNA Flea Market.
Happy summer to all!

Madeline Rea

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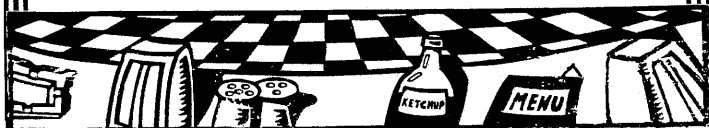
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From Valerie's Kitchen Spinach Quiche

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (10 oz.) package of Frozen Spinach
- 1/2 cup of Cottage Cheese
- 2 oz. of Shredded Swiss
- 1/2 cup of Milk
- 1 Tbsp. of Oil
- 4 Eggs

- 1) Thaw spinach by placing frozen spinach in collander and running hot water over it.
- 2) Squeeze spinach dry.
- 3) Press cottage cheese through strainer.
- 4) Mix all ingredients in bowl.
- 5) Pour mixture into pie crust.
- 6) Bake in oven at 400 degrees for 25-30 minutes.



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Hey, do you want to read a good book? Don't have the time to go to the library? Well, RNA is the fortunate recipient of the following books from Greg Plonoski and they are available for your reading pleasure. Ernie Quintero will have them at his house and you can either get them at any RNA meeting or by calling him at 963-5608. The following are the titles and their authors in alphabetical order:

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Bullseye Iraq (Don McKinnon)
Dave's Way (R. David Thomas)
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Dream Park (Larry Niven & Steven Barnes)
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High Treason (Robert Groden & Harrison Edward Leventone)
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 The Return Of Sherlock Holmes
 The Sign of Four
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Silver Tower (Dale Brown)
Target (Janet Morris & David Drake)
Team Yankee (Harold Coyle)
The Adventures of the Stainless Steel Rat (Harry Hassisen)
The Barsoom Project (Larry Niven & Steven Barnes)
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The French Quarter Killers (John Dellmann)
The First Deadly Sin (Lawrence Sanders)
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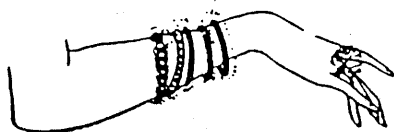
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